

Application Serial No. 10/695,516  
Amendment dated 28 February 2007  
Reply to Office Action mailed 28 November 2006

*REMARKS*

Applicants appreciate the indication that the election/restriction requirement dated 13 March 2006 has been withdrawn.

Claim 14 has been amended pursuant to the Examiner's suggestions. It is believed that this amendment obviates the objections to this claim.

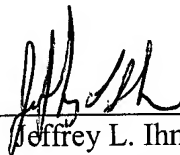
Applicants have noted the rejection for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,489,298. Applicants are considering filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate this rejection once the claims are otherwise in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the claims satisfy the requirements of the patent statutes and are patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration of the instant application and early notice of allowance are requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if it is deemed to expedite allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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